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## Madam:

Pursuant to the request made by Examiner Pryor on December 3, 2008, enclosed herewith are copies of the foreign and non-patent literature documents that were originally cited in the above-identified application in an IDS filed on January 10, 2003. These references have already been considered by the Examiner, and an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 submitted with the IDS has been returned to Applicant.

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